Telephone subscribers to have own fittings

375. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to allow the telephone subscribers to have their own fittings including the telephone instrument and confine the responsibility of the Telephone Department to maintaining the line upto the termination box; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such measures which is likely to cause hardship to the telephone subscribers for being responsible for the maintenance of the inner fittings and the telephone instrument?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to be implemented after assessing the response of the subscribers to the Public Notice issued recently. The proposal would enable those subscribers who wish to have the fitting and instrument of their choice, conforming to specifications, prescribed by the Department. This would also enable the Department to concentrate on the maintenance/ operation of the Network.

New aircraft for Vayudoot

376. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government regarding the requirement of new aircraft for Vayudoot air services;

(b) whether any decision has been taken for purchase of additional aircraft for the Vayudoot services; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No firm assessments have been made by Vayudoot so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

De-addiction and rehabilitation of the drug Addictors

377. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared by the Government for opening centres for de-addiction and rehabilitation of the people who are addicted to drugs;

(b) if so, what is the number of such centres, State-wise operating at present; and

(c) what additional measures are being taken by Government to curb the increasing use of drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A Scheme for setting up rehabilitation and de-addiction units in Delhi under the aegis of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has been prepared. Besides that another scheme for establishment of a de-addiction ward in Safdarjang Hospital has been prepared. Both the schemes have been cleared by the Planning Commission. An amount of Rs. 53 Lakhs has been allocated for this programme for 1987-88. The State Government have been addressed to allocate beds and arrange for de-addiction facilities. Beds have been allotted in various hospitals in Delhi for treatment of drug addicts.

Ministry of Welfare functions as the nodal Ministry coordinating and monitoring of all aspects of drug abuse such as identification of the problem, action to counteract drug abuse, drug de-addiction, dissemination of information, publicity etc. Ministry of Finance takes action to curb